Supply of CNG to private vehicles

234. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether private vehicles have been barred from getting CNG;

(b) if so, whether CNG stations are still supplying CNG to such vehicles;

(c) if so, whether cases have been initiated against those violating such a law;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir. Advertisement was issued that CNG is to be supplied only to those registered as CNG vehicles with the NCT of Delhi.

(d) to (e) IGL has already started the implementation of the decision.

Development of townships

•235. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to extend relief and protection to industrial units which intend to have their own townships providing basic amenities/facilities which otherwise are provided by Government namely power, roads, sewerage, water and educational institutions;

(b) whether Government would allow to redeem returns on their maintenance and capital expenses for providing such infrastructure/ facilities;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the policy of Government with regard to industrial units having developed basic infrastructure/facilities in their own townships and the same are being extended to adjoining areas also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) to (d) Under the provisions of section 80-IA of Income Tax Act, 1961, infrastructure including roads, highways, bridges, airports, ports sewerage and rail systems are regarded as infrastructure facility and the enterprises engaged in developing or operating and maintaining or developing, operating and maintaining such infrastructure were entitled to a tax holiday for five years and a deduction of 30% of profits for the next five years. The concession of two tier tax holiday under section 80-IA for development of infrastructure has been rationalized and enlarged in the Finance Act, 2001, effective from 1.4.2002, as below:.

(1) Basic Infrastructure: 10 years tax holiday (out of initial 20 years) for roads, highways, rail, sanitation, sewerage, water supply, etc., and 10 years tax holiday (out of initial 15 years) for airport, port, inland port or waterways.

(2) Power Projects: A ten years tax holiday (out of initial 15 years) instead of two tier benefit made available to undertakings commencing generation of power and new transmission and distribution lines. The benefit has been extended to undertakings, which begin to generate or distribute power before 31/3/2006.

(3) Industrial Parks and Special Economic Zones (SEZs): A ten years tax holiday (out of initial 15 years) instead of two tier benefit made available to developers of Industrial Parks during the period beginning on the 1st day of April, 1997 and ending on the 31st day of March, 2006, has been extended to enterprises developing SEZs also.

Industrial units intending to develop their own townships will be eligible for deductions with regard to profits from such specified basic amenities/facilities, provided they fulfil the conditions of section 80-IA of the Income Tax Act, 1961.